

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Gayral, et al.  
App. No : 10/538,442  
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For : BIOLOGICAL REAGENTS AND  
METHODS TO VERIFY THE  
EFFICIENCY OF SAMPLE  
PREPARATION AND NUCLEIC  
ACID AMPLIFICATION AND/OR  
DETECTION  
Examiner : Wilder, Cynthia B.  
Art Unit : 1637  
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## SUBMISSION WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

**Mail Stop RCE**  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed February 11, 2009 Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time, continued examination pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.